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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER**

The Michigan Department of Agriculture, Office of Racing Commissioner, will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 15, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Brake Conference Room, Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933. The hearing will be held to receive comments on proposed changes to Racing Commissioner General Rules to:

Revise R 431.3055 to increase the amount of overweight jockeys may carry two (2) pounds from the current five (5) pounds to seven (7) pounds.

Revise R 431.3075 to eliminate the association clocker.

Revise R 431.1245 to reflect Michigan Law with regards to declaratory orders.

Correct R 431.3295(4) to reflect "...except as provided for in R 431.1330", instead of "... in R 431.1335".

Written comments may be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2008, to the address below.

The proposed revisions to the Racing Commissioner General Rules are being promulgated to offer Michigan horse owners, trainers and tracks the opportunity to compete more fairly with other racing jurisdictions by providing more opportunities for both Michigan horses and tracks to offer better racing programs for more and better horses and additional revenue.

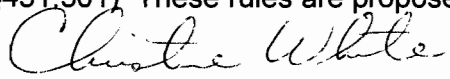
The rules [Rule Set 2008-036 AC] are published on the Michigan Government website at <http://www.state.mi.us/orr/emi/rules.asp?type=dept&id=AC&subId=2008%2D036+AC&subCat=Revision+Text> and in the January 1, 2009 issue of the *Michigan Register*. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic submission by contacting:

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Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Office of Racing Commissioner at (517) 335-1420, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Promulgation of these rules is pursuant to the authority conferred on the Racing Commissioner by the Horse Racing Law of 1995, 1995 PA 279, Section 7(1), as amended (MCL §431.301). These rules are proposed to go into effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.

Date: December 2, 2008


Christine White, Racing Commissioner